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A List of the Clergy,

*Belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of
South-Carolina.*

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. *Bishop of the Diocese.*
The Rev. David I. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and the
Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.*
The Rev. John W. Chanler, *Rector of St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon.*
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's
Parish, Charleston.*
The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.*
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of St. David's Parish, Cheraw.*
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.*
The Rev. Andrew Fowler, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing in All-Saints, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector of St. Philip's Parish,
Charleston.*
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish,
Charleston.*
The Rev. Henry Gibbes, *Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's Parish, Colleton.*
The Rev. Thomas Gates, D. D. *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's, and of Christ
Church, Parishes.*
The Rev. Christian Hanckell, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.*
The Rev. George W. Hathaway, *Deacon, Cheraw.*
The Rev. Paul T. Keith, *Deacon, Assistant Minister of Prince George's
Parish, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.*
The Rev. William H. Mitchell, *Rector of St. James' Parish, Santee, and
of the Church at North Santee, Winyaw.*
The Rev. Philip Mathews, *Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena
Island.*
The Rev. Thomas Mills, D. D. *residing at Rocky Mount.*
The Rev. Edward Neufville, *Deacon, Minister of Prince William's Pa-
rish, and Missionary to the parts adjacent.*
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Domestic Missionary, and Minister of St.
Stephen's Chapel, Charleston.*
The Rev. Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Rector of Grace Church, Sullivan's
Island, and Minister of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis.*
The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.*
The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Colleton.*
The Rev. Edward Thomas, *Minister of Trinity Church, Edisto, and St.
Stephen's, Edingsville.*
The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*
The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*
The Rev. William S. Wilson, *Deacon, residing in Columbia.*

A LIST
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES,
WHO ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1827.

CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.* Bishop of the Diocess, and Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.
- The Rev. David I. Campbell,* Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks.
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- The Rev. Philip Gadsden,* Deacon, Minister of St. Paul's, and of Christ Church, Parishes.
- The Rev. Christian Hankell,* Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro.
- The Rev. Maurice H. Lance,* Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.
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- The Rev. Peter Van Pelt,* Rector of St. Luke's Parish.
- The Rev. Joseph R. Walker,* Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Parish*—David Alexander, William Read, M. D. Daniel Ravenel, Edward Brailsford, M. D.
- St. Philip's Parish*—Thomas Lowndes, John Gadsden, Thos. W. Bacot.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—Major Samuel Wragg, Edward H. Purcell.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw—Benjamin F. Trapier, Gen. Thomas Carr, William W. Trapier.

St. John's Parish, Colleton—Robert J. Turnbull.

St. John's Parish, Berkley—Frederick Laurens.

Christ Church Parish—Thomas Barksdale.

St. Paul's Parish—William Townsend, William Washington.

St. Bartholomew's Parish—General William Youngblood.

St. Luke's Parish—William Heyward, Ralph McNeal.

The Church at North Santee, Winyaw—Elias Horry, Joseph Manigault.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—Charles C. Pinckney.

Prince William's Parish—Frederick Fraser.



The following Clergymen entitled to seats, did not attend the Convention :

The Rev. John W. Chanler, Rector of St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Henry Gibbes, Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Paul T. Keith, Deacon, Assistant Minister of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

The Rev. Philip Mathews, Rector of St. Helena Church, St. Helena Island.

The Rev. Edward Thomas, Minister of Trinity Church, Edisto, and St. Stephen's, Edingsville.



The Rev. Andrew Fowler, and Mr. Thomas J. Young, a candidate for Holy Orders, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention.



The Church in this Diocese consists of, the Bishop, 27 Priests, 5 Deacons, and 42 Congregations.



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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.

Charleston, Wednesday, February 14th, 1827.

THIS being the day appointed by the Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, for a stated meeting of the Convention thereof, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy, and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half past 10 o'clock; when Divine Service was performed by the Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish, and an appropriate discourse delivered by the Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector of St. Luke's Parish. The holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was then administered by the Bishop.

After these usual religious services were over, the Right Rev. Bishop Bowen took the Chair, *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended; and the following Lay-Delegates presented certificates of their appointment, which being read, and approved, they took their seats accordingly; viz.

St. Michael's Parish—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister; David Alexander.

St. Philip's Parish—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector, the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister; Thomas Lowndes, John Gadsden.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hancell, Rector; Major Samuel Wragg, Edward H. Purcell.

Prince George's Parish, Win yaw—The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector; Benjamin F. Trapier, Gen. Thomas Carr, William W. Trapier.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

St. John's Parish, Colleton—The Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, Rector; the Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

St. John's Parish, Berkley—The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector; Frederick Laurens.

Christ Church Parish—The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Minister.

St. Paul's Parish—The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Minister; William Townsend.

St. Bartholomew's Parish—The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

St. Luke's Parish—The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector; William Heyward, Ralph McNeal.

St. Stephen's Parish, and the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

St. Thomas and St. Denis—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Minister.

St. James' Parish, Santee—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector.

The Church at North Santee, Winyaw—The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector; Elias Horry.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Prince William's Parish—The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Minister.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw—The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

A Quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to the election of a Secretary and Treasurer, for the ensuing year; when the Rev. Dr. Dalcho was unanimously re-elected.

The Rules of Order were read in conformity with the 13th Rule.

On motion of Major Wragg, *Resolved*, that the Rules of Order be, in future, published with the Journal.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Rutledge, *Resolved*, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt, for his appropriate discourse delivered before them this day; and that a copy thereof be requested for publication in the Gospel Messenger.

The Treasurer laid his Accounts before the Convention, when Mr. William W. Trapier, and Mr. Laurens, were appointed a Committee to examine the same.

On motion *Resolved*, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church who may be in the city, and not entitled to seats; and the Candidates for Holy Orders, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

Conformably to the 45th Canon of the General Convention, "providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church," the Bishop delivered the following Address:

PERMIT me, now, Brethren, according to my prescribed duty, to submit a statement of the transactions and occurrences of the past year, in which I have been officially concerned, and other matters suited to interest you, as the assembled representatives of the Churches of the Diocess.

Early after the adjournment of the last Convention, I visited the Episcopal Church on Edisto Island—instituted the Rev. Mr. Osborne as its Rector, by the joint desire of himself and the vestry—and consecrated a chapel at Edingsville, provided for the accommodation of the congregation in the sickly season, bearing the name and title of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville. It is a handsome and commodious edifice, exhibiting the character of feeling which distinguishes the people, who, by their generous individual subscriptions, have defrayed the expense of its erection, in a light peculiarly interesting. Subsequently, in the same season of the year, St. John's Church, Colleton, was visited; and shortly after, St. Bartholomew's Parish; where every evidence continues to be exhibited, of faithful and useful ministration. A new Church has also been erected in this Parish, at Walterborough, for the use of its people removing thither in the

summer. It has not yet been consecrated; but is contemplated to be, as soon as circumstances will permit.

Sheldon Church, in Prince William's Parish, was consecrated on my visiting that Parish in April; the Rev. Mr. Walker, Rev. Mr. Delavau, and the Rev. Mr. Neuville, being present, and assisting at the solemnities of the occasion. A numerous and respectable congregation was assembled, the Sacrament was administered to a considerable number of persons, at the table of the Lord, here, after a lapse of so many years, again set, for his feast of grace and love; and all present seemed alike affected with the same gladness of heart, in having been permitted to come up together, to this venerable house of God, whose magnificent ruin, had so long awakened the pious regrets of the Christian passenger. The Rev. Mr. Neuville, who as the missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in this portion of the Diocese, had been instrumental of the restoration of this Church, is continuing to officiate there, and the hope is entertained, although not without discouragement, that provision may be made for the expenses of his permanent establishment as the minister of the Parish. In conformity with provisional arrangements, according to the 20th canon of the General Convention, the Churches of Georgia were visited at about the same time—and their Convention being held at Macon, I attended and presided in it. Confirmation was administered there, as well as at Savannah and Augusta. The kindness exerted, as well by the Clergy as Laity of the Churches in those places, to facilitate the performance of the services required of me, and separate from it every thing like personal inconvenience, is entitled to my affectionate acknowledgment—Feeling it to be duty, for none but the most urgent cause to be declined, I proceeded in the autumn, to Philadelphia, to attend the sitting of the General Convention of our Church there; and on my way, visited St. Matthew's Parish, and Trinity Church, Columbia. My purpose to visit also, St. David's Church, Cheraw, was frustrated by an unexpected unavoidable necessity of travelling, on the only days, on which the plan of my journey had permitted me to contemplate tarrying there. Of the proceedings of the General Convention, held in November, the journal has not yet been received; and without it, or special communication from the secretary, no regular authentic information of its proceedings can be before us. Some matters of peculiar interest are reported of, as among those proceedings, and they will receive from us, I trust, in due season, the attention which they merit. In the mean time, I cannot forbear to mention, as to certain alterations in the Liturgy, reported through periodical journals of intelligence, to have been proposed *unanimously* by the House of Bishops, to the House of Clerical and Lay Delegates, that in most of the particulars, in the spirit if not in the letter, they had, previously, received my ready and very cordial assent to the suggestion of them. I was unavoidably absent from the Convention, when the communication of the proposed alterations was made to the house of Clerical and Lay Delegates, and during most of the time of its sitting. By the 44th canon of the General Convention, it is made the duty of the Secretary of that body, to transmit notice to "the ecclesiastical authority" of each of the Dioceses, of any matters "submitted to the consideration" of their Conventions. No such notice has yet

been received.* The so long delay, also, of the transmission to us of the journal of the proceedings of the General Convention, is a grievance, which, while we feel ourselves constrained to complain of its existence, is, no doubt, rendered unavoidable, by circumstances, of which we are not informed.

Resuming the statement of particularly Diocesan business, I have to report, that Confirmation has been administered, since the last Convention, at St. Philip's Church in this city; at the Parish Church, on Edisto Island; at Edmundsbury Chapel, St. Bartholomew's Parish; and at Trinity Church, Columbia. The whole number of persons confirmed at these places, with those confirmed in Georgia, is 128. Visitation duty, proper to me, has been performed in fewer instances than usual, in consequence of the absence from my own Parish, required for attendance at the General Convention, and other circumstances, which it is unnecessary that I should state.

Only three Ordinations have been held by me, within the year, viz: that of the Rev. M. I. Motte, in January, 1826, at St. Philip's Church, Priest; of the Rev. T. H. Taylor, in St. John's Church, on the occasion of my visiting that Church in March; where, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Hancell, and the Rev. Mr. Osborne, he also was admitted by me to Priest's orders; and that of the Rev. Mr. Thomas, who was admitted to the same order of the ministry, in May last, in St. Philip's Church, in this city.

I have received, in addition to those named to you before, as candidates for orders in this Diocess, the following persons, viz: John Field, Frederick Clarke, on letters dimissory from the eastern Diocess, and T. Gilman Buswell. Mr. Richard S. Green, reported last year, as a candidate for orders, has been removed by death. He was a native of Rhode Island, and a graduate of Brown University. The fairest promise of character had been exhibited by him, and he is deservedly lamented. The whole present number of persons contemplating the ministry as their calling, in relation, according to the canons, to this Diocess, is seven.

It is my painful duty, to report changes taken place in the Diocess, since we last met in Convention, seriously affecting its condition. The death of the Rev. Mr. Osborne, Rector of the Church on Edisto Island, is among the most afflicting occurrences, which God, in his inscrutable Providence, has called us, for these few last years, to witness. This melancholy event, by which a numerous and happy flock have been bereaved of an affectionate, able, and faithful Pastor, a helpless and interesting family of a provident, kind and tender head and father, and society of an useful and highly valued member, took place in December last, in a manner awfully sudden and surprising. With the bereaved family and congregation of this deservedly lamented member of this body, we cannot but weep, while we mourn with the Church and society at large; the loss of one, so well qualified to minister to the best interests of both.

The removal of the Rev. Mr. Barlow from the Diocess. is another particular of recent change, painfully affecting all who indulge anxiety for its

* The official communication from the secretaries of the General Convention, was not received until three days after the adjournment of the Convention of this Diocess. It was dated in December.

prosperity. Circumstances of peculiar necessity, and considerations of duty, to him seeming, and in the opinion of him who addresses you, unavoidably seeming, indispensable, have induced him to resign the pastoral care of the Church at Clarendon. The congregation, thus, as painfully as unexpectedly, deprived of their minister, are entitled to our sympathetic concern. They have been distinguished by their liberality and zeal in providing for the maintenance of the ministry among them; and the hope may be entertained, that the same Christian principle, from which their exertions have proceeded, will not permit a relaxation of them, as the effect of their recent very painful disappointment.

The Rev. Jasper Adams, to whose services as an instructor of youth, in the Principalship of Charleston College, very high value was attached, has taken his dismissal, according to the canons, from this Diocese, and removed to that of New-York; having accepted the Presidency of Geneva College, in that State. The loss of these three valuable members of it, constitutes a serious decline of the Diocese, from the condition, in which, we last year contemplated it. May our prayer for help be heard in the day of our depression; and may we "*be watchful to strengthen the things which remain.*"

Other changes which have taken place, are the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Motte, as Rector of St. Matthew's Parish; who has since, by his own desire, according to the provisions of the 7th canon of 1820, been divested, by indefinite suspension, of authority to exercise the ministry in any of its offices; and that of the Rev. F. H. Rutledge, as Rector of Christ Church Parish. The latter has removed into St. Thomas' Parish, to take the charge of the Beresford Bounty School. He is at present serving the Churches of that Parish, gratuitously. The confinement, to which, he is unavoidably subjected, by the circumstances of the employment, from which alone his support is derived, makes the performance of pastoral duty, scarcely practicable; and affords an example of the embarrassment, to which, the business of the ministry is always liable, even in the case of such as are most zealously affected as to *its* objects, from the necessity of combining, with it, other employment, for which large appropriations of time and personal attention, are required. In this case, however, there is encouragement to hope, that provision will be made, by which, as the responsible *superintendent* of a school, the minister will be *personally* more at liberty to prosecute his peculiar calling.

The Rev. Mr. Hathaway, a Deacon of the Diocese, has left the station, viz: St. David's, Cheraw, in which he had served, at once as minister of a particular congregation, and Missionary of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina: and I have been officially notified of the appointment, by the vestry, of the Rev. C. P. Elliott, who when the Convention last met, was Rector of St. James', Goose Creek, to the Rectorship of their Church. St. James', Goose Creek, was vacated by the resignation of Mr. Elliott, in March last.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, also a Deacon of the Diocese, and who, last year, officiated at North Santee, is now officiating in both Christ Church, and St. Paul's Parishes;—and an arrangement has been made, by which, the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, Rector of St. James', Santee, serves also the Chapel at North Santee.

The Rev. Edward Rutledge, has, since the last Convention, received, on his application for it, the canonical certificate of dismission from this Diocess.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity, on the principles of our Church, in South-Carolina, identified as it is with the Diocess, claims as usual, to be noticed on this occasion. Its prosperity has been, in some degree, affected by the depression of the pecuniary interest of the community; yet, the zeal of its Trustees to do good to the *house of God, and the offices thereof*, has not been relaxed. The report of their proceedings, just published, will evince this, while an address which it has been thought expedient to distribute among the members of our Church, will shew the Society's need of further support, and the grounds on which its claim of it rests. Might not the Clergy, by instituting Auxiliary or Branch Societies in their Parishes, upon the plan proposed by the Trustees, and after the example of that set on foot by the Rev. Mr. F. Rutledge, when Rector of Christ Church, essentially advance the interests of this important institution? The accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, as to the funds committed to them in trust, will be submitted for the inspection of those concerned.

Having stated all the transactions and occurrences of the year, peculiarly affecting our Diocesan condition, permit me to mention, as I have felt it my duty so often to do before, the claims which the General Seminary of our Church, still has on us for assistance. The building, of which mention was made to you, at the last Convention, has been erected—but must remain unfinished, until the several Diocesses will put the Trustees in possession of the necessary funds. N. York has assumed the responsibility of this provision, to a generous extent—and only 15,000 dollars remain for the other Diocesses jointly, to provide. Of this, our quota is no more than 1700 dollars: the proportion in which, each Diocess, shall be solicited to contribute to it, being regulated, according to a resolution of the General Convention, by the allowance of 30 dollars for every minister. It is sincerely hoped, that we may be able to meet the expectation, which has been entertained of our assistance, in that proportion. Amidst the discouragement which the aspect of the times induces, the hope is not sanguine, of even this little to be done, in addition to that, which already has been. But I may suggest as motives of a continuance of the best patronage, of which circumstances admit, from us, to this institution, that the very desirable object contemplated, of giving it such a local habitation as will insure its permanency, must, without it, fail—and that the good influence which it has already exerted on the character of the ministry, bids us anxiously desire the best possible security of its interests, with a view to greater and more extensive benefit.

The claims of other institutions, are, I am aware, at the same time, upon us, having for their justification the interest and extension of the Church; and it is not to be expected that we should be able to satisfy our own feelings as to them all. Yet a discrimination may be made, by which, while none of those claims are dishonoured, those having the chief merit and importance, may be adequately answered. Nor can I forbear, once more to urge upon my brethren, the discrimination in favour of the demands of the institutions of their own Church, by which their bounty so often

variously solicited for those of others, might be made abundantly sufficient for *them*. I am utterly unconscious, in this suggestion, of the influence of any uncharitable or illiberal sentiment. I may, indeed, deceive myself. But I cannot but be persuaded, that while our own institutions want our help to make them answer, in an honorable degree their end, it is, at least, a very mistaken liberality, that by an indiscriminate unthinking distribution, may disqualify us for adequately giving it.

My Brethren of the Ministry, our utmost exertions are necessary in our several spheres of employment, to keep our ministry effectually available for the interest of the Church of God, and the happiness of our fellow men. It is a ministry which we are persuaded, we hold by authority from Him who is head over all things to his Church ; and in the doctrine and discipline and worship, according to which, we are pledged to exercise it, we see all that is conducive to the end of all religion, viz: to make men morally wise, good, and happy in time, and conduct them, pardoned, and sanctified, blest, and rejoicing, to eternity. But this great *treasure* we have in *earthen vessels*—and while this is verified in the moral infirmity and frailty, of which we cannot but be continually conscious, it is true in a no less degree, in the sense of that perpetual liableness, which with all heirs of mortality we partake, to be rendered back to our native dust. The first should admonish us “*to take good heed to ourselves*,” that we offend not against the sacred interest committed to us, otherwise than by unavoidable and involuntary error ; the other, (and the events of the year should come to our recollection in aid of it) that we be diligent and active *to make full proof of our ministry*, according to all the ability and opportunity, which may be allowed us ; because, *we know not when our Lord shall come to require an account at our hands of the work given us to do*.

And will my Brethren of the Laity think it unreasonable, that I entreat *them*, according to the relations which they bear to our ministry, to strengthen its hands and animate its spirit, by all that the law of Christ, and of his members, one for another, requires, for the better and better, the more and more honourable accomplishment of its work. Indulgence and candour, will they not permit me to suggest, are from them reasonably due, towards men often coming to this calling, more pure and fervent in zealous devotion to its objects, than practised in the world, or qualified by the wisdom of experience, for the various intercourse of life ; gentleness and meekness in receiving from their lips the words of admonition or instruction, which, of *indispensable obligation they must utter* ; and kindness and benevolence, towards men, who often have in these, their only temporal resource ; and at the utmost, can but with decency provide, for their present sustenance ; and perhaps for that of families, which they ultimately must leave, to no dependence, but a generous sensibility in the minds of their brethren and people, to the memory of their virtues and their services.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, the Clergy of the several Churches in the Diocess, are requested to read the Bishop's Address to their respective congregations, for general information.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, President of the Standing Committee, read, for the information of the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year :

"In compliance with a Resolution of the last Convention, copies of the Constitution of the Claremont Theological Scholarship Society, and of the Rev. Mr. Barlow's Address to the same, have been transmitted to the several Congregations in this Diocese, and to the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

In the discharge of their Canonical duties, the Standing Committee have recommended to the Bishop, to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders, Mr. John S. Field, and Mr. Thomas G. Buswell ; to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Mr. Thomas J. Young ; and to that of Priests, the Rev. Mellish I. Motte, the Rev. Thomas H. Taylor, and the Rev. Edward Thomas, Deacons."

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President was requested, at his leisure, to appoint the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made the following Report :

"The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Accounts Report, that they have found the Convention Account correct ; and that there remains in his hands a balance of \$78 22.

The Committee further Report, that they have examined the Treasurer's Accounts for the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship," and found them correct. The following is a statement of this Fund :

It appears that \$650 were received at the last Convention, from Thomas S. Grimke, Esq. being the amount of collections made by him in St. Philip's Parish ; and that the sum of \$250, was received on the 15th of last April, from William H. Gibbes, Esq. being the amount collected by him in St. Michael's Parish ; making a total of \$900. This sum has been invested in 7 Shares in the U. S. Bank, and 3 Shares in the Planters and Mechanics Bank, which cost \$899 50. The remaining fifty cents, together with \$46 87½ interest received from the stock, make the balance in the Treasurer's hands, \$47 37½."

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, *Resolved*, that so much of the President's Address as relates to the General Theological Seminary, be referred to a special committee.

Whereupon, the President appointed, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Laurens.

On motion, the President appointed the Rev. Mr. Folker, Rector of Trinity Church Columbia, to preach at the opening of the next Convention ; and the Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena, Beaufort, to preach in case of his failure.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, the President was requested to appoint, at his leisure, Delegates to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

Thursday, February 15, 1827.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Service was performed by the Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The following Lay-Delegates, whose certificates of appointment were, yesterday, read and approved, appeared and took their seats; viz: Dr. William Read, and Daniel Ravenel, from St. Michael's Parish; Robert J. Turnbull, from St. John's Parish, Colleton; Joseph Manigault, from North Santee, Winyaw; Thomas W. Bacot, from St. Philip's Parish; and William Washington, from St. Paul's Parish.

The following Lay-Delegates attended and presented certificates of their appointment, which, being severally read and approved, they took their seats accordingly, viz. Charles C. Pinckney, from Grace Church; Gen. William Youngblood, from St. Bartholomew's Parish; and Frederick Fraser, from Prince William's Parish.

The President pursuant to the request made yesterday, appointed the following Gentlemen the Standing Committee for the ensuing year:

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| The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. | David Alexander, |
| The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, | Keating Simons, |
| The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. | Robert J. Turnbull, |
| The Rev. Allston Gibbes, | Thomas Lowndes, |
| The Rev. Christian Hanckell, | Samuel Wragg. |

Mr. Turnbull, from the Committee to whom it was referred "to write to the Parishes and Churches which have not contributed to the Bishop's common Fund. in conformity with the recommendation of the Convention in 1824," made the following Report:

"That they have performed the duty assigned them, by writing to the Parishes and Churches following; to-wit: St. Mark's, Clarendon; St. Mark's, Williamsburg; Grace Church, Sullivan's Island; Trinity Church, Columbia;* St. Matthew's and St. James', Santee. To the Vestry and Wardens of St. Bartholomew's, your Committee have not applied, inasmuch as to a former application for this purpose, a prompt and a direct refusal was given. Nor have your Committee written to such of the Parishes, as were only one year's contribution in arrear, as such arrears were accidental, the Vestry and Wardens of said Parishes, having shown every disposition to conform to the wishes of the Convention.

Your Committee have not received any answers to their applications, though they requested written answers in conformity with the Resolution of the Convention."

It was moved by Mr. Alexander, that the Parishes and Churches which have not paid their contributions to the Bishop's Common Fund, and which are represented in the present Convention, be called upon by the

* See note at the end of the "Parochial Remarks."

President to pay the same, or to assign reasons for not complying with the recommendation of the Convention.

On motion, ordered to lie on the table for the present.

The Rev. Mr. Gibbes from the Committee appointed at the last Convention "to prepare a tabular form or digest of the Parish Returns laid before the Convention," reported that the Committee had performed that duty: And, on motion, the Convention adopted the same.

The following is a digest of the Parochial Reports, required by the 45th Canon of the General Convention; the Reports having been previously presented to the Bishop, and read to the Convention.

[See the annexed Table.]

PAROCHIAL REMARKS.

St. Michael's.—The number of Coloured people is less in this Church than at others, for reasons formerly stated. Sittings in this Church are fewer than in others. Twenty-four or twenty-five of the families, belong, at some seasons, to other Congregations. Notice was not given this year, of Confirmation at this Church. Divine Service has been held twice, as usual, on some of the week holy days. The Sermon required by a Canon of this Convention, on the "nature and duties of the Episcopal office," was preached in March last, and the collection made accordingly. The quota of this Church, in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund," has been paid.

St. Philip's.—The total number of Coloured persons is not known.—Eight of the Sunday School Teachers being employed in both schools, the whole number therefore, is so much less than the aggregate of both. The "subjects of instruction" in the Sunday School are, "Familiar Instruction for young Children. The Book of Common Prayer, the Catechism, Collects, Hymns and Metre Psalms, being committed to memory; and the use of the Calendar, and the "Articles" explained. The Guide to the Catechism, the Exposition of the same, recommended by the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese. Dalcho on the Divinity of Christ. Porteus' Evidences of Christianity, and the Holy Scriptures, the Epistle and Gospel and text for the day being especially noticed. Conformably to the Canon, a Sermon has been preached on the "Episcopal office;" and the quota of this Church in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund," has been paid.

St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough.—Of the Burials included in the report, two were from the Orphan House, one was of the Poor House, and one was a stranger, leaving but fifteen out of the large congregation that worship in St. Paul's. A circumstance affording unequivocal evidence of the health of our city, and demanding unfeigned sentiments of gratitude and love to the inexhaustible fountain of all good. Of the communicants reported last year, four have died, and six removed from the State; while to the remaining number twelve have since been added. In the early part of the last year, there was formed a Society composed of some of the Ladies of St. Paul's Church, who meet once a week, and devote a few hours

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RETURN

Of the Parishes in the Diocese of South-Carolina, for the Year ending December 31st, 1826.

| PARISHES AND MINISTERS. | CONGREGATION. | | | | | BAPTISMS. | | | MARRIAGES. | BURIALS. | CONFIRMED. | Children Catechised. | | SUNDAY SCHOOL. | | PUBLIC WORSHIP. | | | | | |
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| | Communicants. | Non-Communicants. | Children under 14. | TOTAL. | Families. | Adults. | Children. | TOTAL. | | | | No. of Times. | No. Catechised. | No. of Days. | Teachers. | Scholars. | CHURCHES OR CHAPELS. | No. of Sun. serv. held. | No. of Times each Sun. | No. of other Days. | Whole Number of Times in the Year. |
| St. Michael's Parish, Charleston, The Rt. Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector. The Rev. F. Dalcho, M. D. Assist. Minister. | White. Color'd Total | 340 80 420 | 780 | 1200 | 237 | 1 | 40 3 43 | 41 3 44 | 11 — 11 | 22 — 22 | — — — | 10 20 100 | 50 20 52 | 15 24 52 | 118 24 142 | St. Michael's. | 52 | 2 | 7 | 201 | |
| St. Philip's Parish, Charleston, The Rev. C. E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector. The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assist. Minister. | White. Color'd Total | 321 200 521 | 378 | 357 | 1066 | 308 | 1 3 4 | 45 35 80 | 46 38 84 | 13 16 29 | 13 13 31 | 34 30 120 | 10 30 52 | 35 150 85 | 180 150 330 | St. Philip's. | 52 | 2 | 90 | 198 | |
| St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, The Rev. Christian Hamckell, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 273 14 287 | 431 | 407 | 1111 | 231 | 1 3 4 | 37 4 41 | 38 7 45 | 5 — 5 | 18 1 19 | 7 — 7 | 50 6 50 | 52 — 52 | 15 — 15 | 100 | St. Paul's. | 52 | 2 | — | — |
| Prince George's Parish, Winyaw, The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector, The Rev. Paul T. Keith Deacon, Assis. Min. | White. Color'd Total | 57 15 72 | — | 70 | 127 | 54 | — — 9 | 9 — 9 | 3 — 5 | 12 — 12 | — — — | — — 20 | 20 — 20 | 4 — 4 | 16 | Prince George, Winyaw, and the Chapel at North Island. | 52 | — | — | — | — |
| St. Helena Parish, Beaufort, The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 58 2 60 | 80 | 164 | 302 | 56 | 1 — 1 | 7 — 7 | 8 — 8 | 2 1 3 | 8 — 8 | — — 40 | — — 40 | 7 — 7 | 50 | St. Helena. | 52 | 2 | — | — | |
| St. John's Parish, Berkley, The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 28 13 41 | 43 | 25 | 96 | 29 | 1 10 10 | 1 11 2 | 3 — 3 | 4 — 4 | 1 — 1 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | Biggin Church and Strawberry Chapel | 52 | 1 | 3 | — | — |
| St. John's Parish, Colleton, The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 10 13 23 | 59 | 64 | 139 | 36 | 1 2 3 | 5 2 5 | 6 — 6 | 4 — 4 | — — — | — — 8 | — — 8 | — — — | — | St. John's. | 30 | — | 2 | — | — |
| Christ Church Parish, The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Minister The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, late Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 13 30 43 | 70 | 44 | 127 | 18 | — — 3 | 2 1 3 | 2 1 3 | 1 — 1 | 1 — 1 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | Christ Church. | — | 5 | — | — | — |
| St. Paul's Parish, The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Deacon, Minister. | White. Color'd Total | 6 — 6 | 70 | 30 | 106 | 14 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | St. Paul's. | — | 4 | — | — | — |
| St. Bartholomew's Parish, The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 25 32 57 | — | — | 25 | — | — 8 23 | 17 8 25 | 4 — 4 | — — — | — — — | — — 30 | — — 30 | — — — | — | Church at Pon Pon, at Ashepoo, and at Walterborough. | 52 | — | 22 | — | — |
| St. Luke's Parish, The Rev. Peter Van Pelt, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 18 6 24 | 80 | 20 | 118 | 28 | — — 4 | 3 1 4 | 3 — 4 | 1 — 1 | 1 — 1 | — — 9 | — — 9 | — — — | — | St. Luke's and the Church at Grahamville. | 52 | — | — | — | — |
| Claremont, The Rev. William Barlow, late Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 29 29 58 | 21 | 33 | 83 | 22 | — — 1 | 1 — 1 | 1 — 1 | 3 — 3 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | Claremont. | — | 9 | — | — | — |
| St. Stephen's Parish, The Rev. D. J. Campbell, Minister. | White. Color'd Total | 122 9 131 | 137 | 100 | 359 | 62 | — — 12 | 12 — 12 | 3 — 3 | 7 — 7 | — — — | — — 3 | — — 3 | 20 20 8 | 20 | St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rock. | 52 | — | 4 | — | — |
| Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis, The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Minister. | White. Color'd Total | — — — | — | — | — | — | — 2 2 | — — 2 | — — — | 1 — 1 | — — — | 10 — 10 | — — — | — — — | — | St. Thomas' and the Chapel. | — | — | — | — | — |
| St. James' Parish, Santee, The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 9 8 17 | 40 | 13 | 62 | 18 | 1 2 3 | 1 2 3 | 2 — 2 | — — — | — — — | 5 — 5 | — — — | — — — | — | Wambaw and Echaw. | 14 | — | 16 | — | — |
| Church at North Santee, Winyaw, The Rev. William H. Mitchell, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 10 — 10 | 40 | — | 50 | 10 | 1 — 1 | — — 1 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | North Santee. | 14 | — | 2 | — | — |
| Grace Church, Sullivan's Island, The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector. | White. Color'd Total | 20 — 20 | 69 | 38 | 127 | 32 | — — 4 | 4 — 4 | 1 — 1 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | Grace Church. | — | — | — | — | — |
| St. David's Parish, Cheraw, The Rev. Geo. W. Hathaway, Deacon, late Minister. | White. Color'd Total | 16 — 16 | — | 22 | 38 | 22 | — — 4 | 4 — 4 | 4 — 4 | 10 — 10 | 7 — 7 | — — — | 20 — 20 | 4 — 4 | 20 | St. David's. | 50 | — | 2 | — | — |
| Prince William's Parish, The Rev. Edward Neufville, Deacon, Minister and Missionary, &c. | White. Color'd Total | 11 — 11 | 40 | 15 | 66 | 16 | 1 — 1 | 5 — 5 | 5 — 5 | 1 — 1 | 2 — 2 | — — — | — — — | — — — | — | Shelton Church and at four other places. | 43 | — | 2 | — | — |
| St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston, The Rev. Edward Phillips, Domestic Missionary. | White. Color'd Total | 40 2 42 | — | — | 40 | 30 | — — 27 | 24 3 27 | 22 3 27 | 17 2 19 | 7 3 10 | — — 10 | — — — | 7 — 7 | 45 | St. Stephen's Chapel. | 52 | — | 54 | — | — |
| AGGREGATE. | White. Color'd Grand Total | 1422 453 1875 | 2238 | 1402 | 5062 | 1243 | 7 21 28 | 218 57 275 | 225 78 303 | 84 31 115 | 137 22 159 | 28 13 41 | 357 56 413 | 90 17 90 | 549 | — | — | — | — | — | |

(See Parochial Remarks, page 16.)

to needle work for Missionary purposes. The effect of this Society has been favourable, both in cherishing and extending, the spirit for the encouragement of Missions, and in contributing somewhat to their support. By this little Society, in the last nine months, forty dollars have been put at the disposal of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina; fifty have been given to the Domestic Missionary Society of Charleston, and forty towards the support of the Mission in Prince William's Parish. Service performed, besides Sundays, on Wednesdays, and the Festivals and Fasts.

Prince George, Winyaw.—Service performed on all the Fasts and Festivals. The quota to the "Bishop's Common Fund" has been paid.

St. Helena, Beaufort.—The Rector trusts he has cause to report favourably of the state of his Parish. Although no special remarkable excitement has appeared, there has been, he thinks, a gradually increasing attention among the people, not only to the interests of the Church as a visible body, but to religion as a personal concern. In addition to those reported last convention, four new pews have lately been erected; all of which are occupied. The service of Wednesday morning (when a short lecture, generally on some portion of the appointed scriptures, is always delivered,) is much better attended than formerly; as is also the service and lecture on Friday nights. With a view to interest, and at the same time instruct, the children of the congregation, a course of plain lectures on the Bible history, illustrated by the magic lantern, was begun, and for a time continued with apparent usefulness; but the heat of the summer interrupted it, and at present the want of a room suitable for such a method of instruction prevents its re-assumption. Service is performed on all the Feasts and Fasts.

St. John's, Berkley—Two white communicants have been added through the current year, whilst three of the old ones have removed. One new coloured communicant has also been added, and one old one has removed. No children have been catechised during the current year, for the same reason, as given in the last report; and the same reason will for the most part prevent Confirmations in this cure. To any person acquainted with the country Churches in the low country of this State, it will be unnecessary to assign any reason, why no Sunday schools exist in this cure.

St. John's, Colleton.—No material change has occurred in this Parish, since the last report. Some individuals have been removed by death, and families have changed their residence. If our efforts have not always been crowned with success, we still have much to encourage us, and much for which to be devoutly grateful. The quota of this Parish to the "Bishop's Common Fund," has been paid.

Christ Church—Divine Service is, at present, held in this Parish only on every other Sunday; the Minister alternating between it, and *St Paul's, Stono*. The Vestry having engaged the services of the officiating Minister but recently, a very brief view of the condition of the Church can only be exhibited at the present meeting of the Convention. Reference to the table will give a tolerably correct idea of the state of the Parish. The Sermon in conformity with the Canon passed in 1822, has been preached. The quota to the "Bishop's Common Fund" has been paid.

St. Paul's Parish.—The Rev. Mr. Perry, of New-York, officiated in this Parish in the winter and spring of the last year, but left no report of the offices performed by him. The present incumbent is unable to give more than a partial view of the condition of the Church, from the circumstance that his connexion with it has been but of recent date. Since December last he has been officiating to the Congregation of this place, every other Sunday, and the Vestry have requested him to continue to do so, until the close of the winter and spring seasons. There being no place of residence amongst them for the Minister, he is obliged to reside in the city, and of course, from this consideration, can form but little intercourse with the several members of the Parish. The table will exhibit such a view of the state of the Church, as his very limited acquaintance could enable him to form for the satisfaction of the Convention. A Sermon has been preached, but no collection made in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund."

St. Bartholomew's.—The same circumstances as before reported, prevent any thing like an accurate statement of the number of families, or individuals, or children, but the Rector is not aware that any great alteration has occurred to change his former estimate. He is happy to be enabled to state, that a very comfortable building has been erected at Walterborough, for the summer place of worship, without adding any material burden to the funds.

St. Luke's.—The Rector regrets that he cannot report favourably of his charge. The size of the Congregation has been greatly diminished. During the last three years a loss has been sustained of six families by removal; and of twelve adults by death. Believing that Providence has marked out another field for the exercise of his ministerial functions, the Rector has determined to dissolve (at the close of the ensuing spring) the connexion at present existing between him and his people. The Canon with respect to the "Episcopal office," has been complied with. The quota of this Parish for the "Bishop's Common Fund," has been paid. A discourse has also been delivered exhibiting the claims of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South Carolina," on the attention, and liberality of the members of the Church.

Claremont.—The Rev. Mr. Barlow was the Rector of the Parish of Claremont until the first of November last. The report is according to the best information which can now be obtained. In the absence of Mr. Barlow, Lay-Reading has been occasionally attended to, when circumstances would permit, by the Hon. Judge Waties; and public worship has been conducted seven times, by different Clergymen, visiting the Parish.

St. Stephen's, Black Oak, and the Rocks.—The Sunday School was again opened during the summer, and suspended since the fall. It has increased and had 3 teachers, the Minister and 3 females of the Congregation. One circumstance worthy of remark is, that 4 or 5 very young pupils have been added, who cannot read, and whose repeating of the catechism merely from memory is some good evidence of the disposition of parents and friends thus early to inculcate the elements of the most useful knowledge, through the exercise of this earliest faculty: An example from which those of more susceptible age, may derive important instruc-

tion, as well of docility and the wisdom of simplicity, as of the innocence and purity so forcibly illustrative of the divine precept concerning the favourites of his kingdom. Three have been added to the Communion, all young persons. The subjects of instruction in the Sunday School, are those contained in the common catechism, and the Familiar and easy mode preparatory thereto.

St. Thomas and St. Denis.—The present incumbent having but recently removed into the Parish, is unable to furnish an accurate exhibit of the state of the Parish. Since the 20th of November, he has officiated every Lord's Day at the Church and Chapel alternately. Such of the children of the Parish as can conveniently attend, are catechised weekly; the number at present is ten.

St. James', Santee.—There is a select number of coloured persons candidates for baptism, who are undergoing catechetical instruction preparatory to the reception of that ordinance. Five coloured persons have been added to the list of communicants during the past year. A second service is held for coloured persons in the afternoon of Sundays. A Sermon was preached in February last on the "nature and duties of the Episcopal office;" and the General Theological Seminary commended to the patronage of the Congregation.

North Santee, Winyaw.—A Sermon has been preached on the "nature and duties of the Episcopal office," and the quota to the "Bishop's Common Fund," has been paid. A Sermon has also been preached on the General Theological Seminary. A second service is held in the vicinity of the Church, in the afternoon of Sundays for the coloured people.

Grace Church.—Repeated attempts were made towards organizing a Sunday School and as often failed. The Church is usually opened for Divine Service on the 1st of June, and closes late in October.

St. David's, Cheraw.—The late officiating Minister has not put down the number of non-communicants, because he knew not whether to include baptised persons only, or all the congregation. If the former about ten, if the latter, about 100. The Church appears to be gradually, though slowly, improving. During the past year, the Vestry have had the Church yard enclosed by a very neat paling, and the interior of the Church changed to a form more convenient to our service.

Prince William's.—Since the last report, Sheldon Church has been repaired and consecrated to the service of Almighty God; so that there is great reason to rejoice and say with the Psalmist: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Divine Service is held there statedly every Sunday, during the winter; and the attendance of the Congregation continues to be regular. No Sunday School has been organized, as the Congregation generally live at so great a distance from the Church, as to preclude the possibility of devoting as much time as would be necessary to this object.

St. Stephen's Chapel.—As nearly as the Minister could make the calculation, the Congregation consists of about 30 families, and between 2 and 300 worshippers. The fluctuating state, to which a Congregation of the kind, is, in some degree, necessarily liable, renders a more exact calculation than this, at present, impracticable. The institution flourishes;

and continues to realize the general belief of its benevolence and usefulness. The seats in this chapel are free.*

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Lance, *Resolved*, that this Convention highly approve of the Gospel Messenger, a Religious Magazine, published monthly by members of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Charleston, and recommend it to the patronage and support of Episcopalians in this Diocese.

The following Preamble and Resolution were moved by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, and unanimously agreed to :

Whereas it appears from the last report of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, that its income is considerably diminished; and whereas the prosperity of our Church in this Diocese has been greatly promoted, and is in a great manner identified with this valuable institution; and whereas the supporters of this Society in some parishes are few in number and in others none; and whereas a combined effort in its behalf on the part of Ministers, Delegates and Vestries would elevate it to a station of usefulness alike honorable to the Diocese, and gratifying to the patriot and the Christian; and whereas our attention has been particularly invited to this important subject by the Address of the Bishop to this Convention, and by another Address from him as President

* From some of the Parishes no returns have been received. The II^d Canon says—"Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese *shall, at, or before, the meeting of every annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop,*" &c.—See likewise the XLVth Canon of the General Convention. The following came to hand *after the adjournment* of the Convention :

Trinity Church, Columbia.—The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, Rector. Baptisms, Adults 5, Children 21: Total 26. Marriages 4. Burials 12. Communicants 33 White, 1 Coloured: Total 34. Non Communicants 198 White, 7 coloured; Children under 14 years of age, 65. Total 270. Families 42 White, 4 Coloured: Total 46. Children catechised 80. Confirmed by the Bishop, 11. Teachers in the Sunday School, 12. Scholars, 138. Places of Worship, 1. Divine Service is performed twice on every Sunday. Service is likewise performed on the leading Fasts and Festivals appointed by the Church, and the civil authority. Of the persons baptised, 19 belong to the Sunday School, and to the humbler walks of life. Some families have been added to the Congregation, yet, by removals from the town, the number has been reduced since the last report. There are between 60 and 70 young ladies and gentlemen, connected with the Female Academy, and South-Carolina College, who regularly attend the services of the Church. The sum which it was proposed by the Convention, that this Church should contribute in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund," the Rector is authorized to state will be paid to the Treasurer, as early as possible. The claims of the General Theological Seminary, on this, as well as other portions of the Church; and the duty of Episcopalians, generally, to co-operate in such measures as may seem best calculated to ensure the permanence and prosperity of this noble institution, this sacred nursery of orthodoxy, piety, and learning, were brought to the view of the people of this Church. The effort to obtain contributions in aid of its funds, was unsuccessful. There is some reason, however, to believe, that measures will be taken in the course of the present year, by the Vestry and Congregation, to carry into effect the request of the Convention.

St. Helena Church, St Helena Island.—The Rev Philip Mathews, Rector. Baptisms, Children, 5. Marriage, 1. Burials, 7. Communicants, 17. Non Communicants, 40 to 60. Children under 14, 18. Families, 24. Children catechised, 7.—Mrs. Mathews teaches a Sunday School for her own domestics, and any others who are permitted by their owners to attend.

of the Society, which has just been published, be it *Resolved*, that one or more copies of the Address in behalf of the Society and of the plan of an Auxiliary Society, be furnished to the Delegates of each Parish now in Convention, and to the Minister and Vestry of each Parish not here represented, and that they be and are hereby earnestly requested to institute such Auxiliary Societies in their respective Congregations, or such other measures as to them may seem best adapted to revive the cause, and augment the resources of the above named Society.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were moved by the Rev. Mr. Hanckell, and unanimously agreed to :

Whereas, the preaching of the Gospel to the Poor, constituted a signal feature in the Ministry of our blessed Lord while on earth, and continues to be a duty incumbent upon those who profess to be his disciples ; and whereas Seamen are of this description, and from their constant exposure to danger, are objects of peculiar solicitude to Christian benevolence ; the representatives of the Protestant Episcopal Church in South-Carolina, in Convention assembled, cannot but view the efforts that are making, by Christians of all denominations, for this laudable purpose, with great satisfaction ; and to co-operate in its accomplishment, most heartily unite in the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, That we regard with peculiar satisfaction, the erection of St. Stephen's Chapel, for the gratuitous accommodation of the poor in this city, with the means of uniting in the public worship of God, according to our ritual, and warmly recommend it to the fostering care of the members of our Communion.

Resolved, That we deem the attention of its Pastor to the Seamen of our Church of no less importance, than that to the poor.

Resolved, That the Bishop do nominate three persons, and, in the name of this Convention, solicit them to co-operate with the Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, in bringing seamen under the exercise of his Pastoral functions ; and also to devise such means as shall seem to them most expedient, for the payment of the debt still due for the erection of this building ; and for the better support of the Missionary employed in it.

The Treasurer reported, that since the audit of his accounts yesterday, he has received from Mr. James Calder, and Mr. A. E. Miller, who kindly undertook to aid the Chairman of the Committee in making collections in St. Michael's Parish, the following sums for the " Bishop Bowen Scholarship," viz: From Mr. Calder, \$50; from Mr. Miller, \$20. And likewise \$25, from Mr. Charles C. Pinckney, of St. James' Santee, for the same purpose.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas S. Grimke, the agent for making collections in St Philip's Parish, for the " Bishop Bowen Scholarship," enclosing \$161, being the amount of additional collections made by him in that Parish.*

* Since the adjournment of the Convention, Mr. G. has sent \$20, being additional collections for the Scholarship.

On motion, Mr. Grinke's Letter was referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President called upon the members of the Committee, who were present, for making collections in the several Parishes, for the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship." [See Journal of 1826, pp. 15, 16.]

The Treasurer laid before the Convention the following Report :

The Treasurer of the Convention begs leave to submit the following statement : The Convention, in order to provide a Fund to defray its annual expenses, passed the following Resolution in the session of 1820 : "*Resolved*, that the two Parishes in the city, be required to contribute "twenty dollars, and each Parish in the Country five dollars, annually, "towards defraying the expenses of the Convention ; and that the Secretary, in issuing his summonses to the different Delegates, do inform them "of this Resolution." [See Journal 1820, p 17.]

It appears from the Treasurer's Books, that the following Parishes are in arrears to this Convention Fund, for the several years specified :

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| All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw, for 1821, 1823, 1824, and 1826, | \$20 |
| St. John's Parish, Berkley, for 1825 and 1826, | 10 |
| St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon, for 1824, 1825, and 1826, | 15 |
| St. Mark's Parish, Williamsburgh, for 1824, 1825, and 1826, | 15 |
| St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island, for 1822, 1823, and 1825, | 15 |
| St. Helena Parish, Beaufort, for 1821, 1822, 1825, and 1826, | 20 |
| Claremont Church, for 1820, 1822, 1823, and 1824, | 20 |
| Church on Edisto Island, for 1820, 1822, 1823, 1824, and 1825, | 25 |
| Trinity Church, Columbia, for 1820, 1822, 1823, 1825, and 1826, | 25 |
| St. Luke's Parish, for 1820, | 5 |
| Christ Church Parish, for 1823, 1824, 1825, and 1826, | 20 |
| St. James' Parish, Goose-Creek, for 1820 and 1821, | 10 |
| St. Thomas & St. Denis' Parish, for 1820, 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825, and 1826, | 30 |
| St. James' Parish, Santee, for 1820, 1821, 1822, 1824, 1825 & 1826, | 30 |
| St. Matthew's Parish, for 1820, 1821, 1822, 1825, and 1826, | 25 |
| St. Paul's, Stono, for 1820, 1821, 1822, 1823, and 1826, | 25 |

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This accumulation of arrears, is, probably, owing to the want of a regular Lay-representation from some of the Country Parishes. The Delegates who attend the Convention, not being aware of any arrears until they are called upon by the Treasurer for payment, are not instructed by their respective Vestries to pay the contributions of past years.

The Treasurer would respectfully suggest, that if these arrears were paid, they might be invested in Bank Stock, and serve as the commencement of a Convention Fund, which, in a few years, might supercede the necessity of annual contributions.

The Treasurer would further state, that a copy of the Resolution passed in 1820, is annually sent by the Secretary with his summonses to the

Vestries and Church Wardens, of the several Churches and Parishes in the Diocese.

On motion *Ordered*, that the Report be published on the Journals, with the exception of such Parishes as may, in the mean time, pay up their arrears; and that the Secretary, in his next summonses, do inform the several Vestries of their respective arrears.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, it was recommended to St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough, to pay, in future, \$10, annually, instead of 5, towards defraying the expenses of the Convention.

The President, in conformity with the request made yesterday, appointed the following Gentlemen, Delegates to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention :

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| The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. | William Heyward, |
| The Rev. Allston Gibbes, | Hon. William Drayton, |
| The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, | Thomas Lowndes, |
| The Rev. Christian Hanckell, | Charles C. Pinckney. |

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the quota of this Diocese, towards defraying the incidental expenses of the last General Convention. [See Journal 1824, pp. 17, 18]

After some remarks, Mr. John Gadsden moved, that the Committee appointed [See Journals 1825, p. 26, and 1826, p. 19,] "to inquire into the state of any property heretofore belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this State, in any Parishes where there are no Vestries or Trustees having charge thereof," be empowered to continue their inquiries during the ensuing recess, and that they report to the next Convention.—The motion being agreed to, the same Gentlemen, were, on motion, appointed the Committee; viz. Mr. John Gadsden, Col. John Porter, Jun. and Mr. Robert Barnwell.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Committee to whom was referred "so much of the President's Address as relates to the General Seminary," made the following Report :

The Committee on the General Theological Seminary have the satisfaction to Report, that this institution, in relation to which, the Diocese of South-Carolina has always entertained much solicitude, is in a state of progressive improvement.

At the Annual Meeting in June, there were present three Bishops, and twenty-four Clerical and Lay-Trustees from five Diocesses; the usual Address was delivered by the Right Rev. Dr. Croes, of New Jersey; and certificates were given to six candidates for Holy Orders, who had completed the course of study at the Seminary. We regret to observe, that so few continue at the Seminary to the *end* of the term of probation, and we trust that the cause, (whether it be an eagerness, to enter upon the duties of the sacred Ministry, which overlooks the importance of due preparation for it, or a deficiency in the pecuniary assistance for necessary expenses) will soon cease to exist.

There are at present at the Seminary, thirty-one students, of whom four, viz : Messrs. Marshall, Leland, Trapier, and Field, are from this Diocese * It is an interesting fact, that “ of about four hundred and forty, the supposed number of the Clergymen of our Church within the bounds of the “ United States, one seventh part, sixty-two in number, have been students “ of the General Theological Seminary, who have been admitted to Holy “ Orders ; and that there are now in a course of instruction thirty more, “ at whose admission to orders, this Convention will have the delightful “ recollection, and will deem it a cause of fresh gratitude to God, that it “ has encouraged, and assisted the Academical education of one fifth of “ her ministers, within the space of about nine years.”†

We may add, that but for the facilities of education, afforded by this Seminary, many who are now very useful in the Ministry, would probably be engaged in some secular calling.

The Library consists of 3148 volumes, of which 344 have been added, during the year, ending with the annual meeting of the Trustees in June last, through the liberality of various persons, residing in Great Britain, Pennsylvania, and New-York.

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| ‡ The ordinary expenditure of the Seminary, after the new building shall be completed, is estimated at | } | \$5100 |
| The annual income, applicable to the current expenses of the Seminary, | } | 4233 33 |
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| Annual deficit, | - - - - - | \$866 67 |

This deficiency arises chiefly “ from the application of a larger sum than was expected, to the erection of New Buildings.”

The whole cost of the Buildings will be \$30,000, of which, there has been obtained in New York \$10,000, and it is recommended, that the balance of \$20,000 should also be raised by private contribution, so as to restore to the income of the institution \$1200, and consequently its revenue would then exceed its expenditure by the difference between \$1200 and \$866 67, or \$333 33. Of this \$20,000, which it is so desirable should be procured, it is understood that the Diocese of New York will raise \$5000, in addition to what it has already contributed,§ and it is reasonably hoped that the remaining \$15,000 will be obtained in the other Dioceses. In reference to these circumstances the Board of Trustees, at their last annual meeting, passed the following Resolution :

“ *Resolved*, That although deeply impressed with the paramount importance of erecting a common habitation for the Students, and two of the Professors, with their families, in a situation so retired and healthy at all seasons of the year, and in all respects so convenient and eligible as that provided by the munificent donation of Mr. Moore, yet the Trustees would

* All the Candidates for Orders now of this Diocese, are, or have been, at the Seminary, except two.

† See the Report of the Committee on the Seminary made to the last General Convention.

‡ See the Report above referred to.

§ The whole contribution of New-York will then be \$15,000.

deeply deplore the necessity of permanently abstracting for this purpose any portion of the capital *now* belonging to the Seminary, and that the Committee of Finance be instructed to communicate this feeling of the Trustees to the friends of the Institution throughout the United States, and to express to them the earnest hope of the Trustees, that, through their exertions, all the advances for the Seminary buildings heretofore charged on the general funds of the Seminary, may be speedily replaced."

At the late General Convention, the following Resolution was adopted :

"*Resolved*, That it be recommended to the friends of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, to assist in raising the sum of \$20,000 for the building fund of the General Theological Seminary, in the proportion as near as convenient, of fifty dollars for each Clergyman of the Church, and that the efforts of the Churches in the different dioceses should continue to be made for the enlargement of the general funds of the Seminary, and for the establishment of Scholarships." As there are 33 Clergymen in this diocese, its quota, in conformity to the above recommendation, viz: at the rate of \$50 for each one, will be \$1650.

It is expected that this building, which the Trustees did not feel warranted to make larger than 104 by 52 feet, capable of accommodating only two of the professors, and the small number of 40 Students, will be finished in May.

Deeming it important that the funds and efforts of the Seminary should be concentrated, we have noticed, with gratification, that the Branch School at Geneva, which was instituted merely as a measure of compromise, has been formally abolished.

The "*Bishop Dehon Scholarship*"* is effecting the pious and benevolent purposes, for which it was instituted, in the aid of a candidate for Orders who is now, in his second year, at the Theological Seminary.

The state of the "*Bishop Bowen Scholarship*," which is under the especial charge of this Convention, is as follows :

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| Amount received at the Convention, 1826, | - | - | \$650 |
| Do. do. after the adjournment of the same, | - | - | 250 |
| Do. do. at the present Convention, | - | - | 256 |
| Do. dividend on Stock, | - | - | 46 87 |
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| | | | \$1202 87 |
| Deduct, invested as per Treasurer's Report, | - | - | 899 50 |
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| Balance, | - | - | \$303 37 |

In conclusion, we would submit the following Resolutions :

1. That this Convention cordially approves of the measure recommended by the General Convention for raising the building fund, with the view of rendering the revenue of the Seminary adequate to its expenditure, and that in order to raise the quota of this Diocese, viz: \$1650, the Parishes be requested to collect, by subscription or otherwise, the same amount,

* This fund is *at present* under the charge of the Rectors of the three Episcopal Churches in Charleston, who were nominated Trustees of the same, by the founders thereof.

adding thereto 10 per cent. as they were assessed for the Bishop's fund, except St. Michael's Church, the contribution of which is recommended to be the same as that of St. Philip's, and that the Standing Committee be instructed to carry this Resolution into effect.

2 That the Bishop be respectfully requested to recommend any agent, appointed by the Trustees for collecting funds for the Seminary, to the zeal and liberality of the members of our Church, and to adopt such other measures as he may deem expedient for securing to this important institution the generous assistance of this Diocese.

3 That the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," be requested to hold in trust the funds, of the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship," which have been or may be hereafter received, and to have collected the sums subscribed, but not yet paid, on the papers, now in the hands of the Secretary of the Convention, and that the Secretary furnish the Treasurer of the said Society with the names of the Subscribers to this foundation, to be preserved among the records on this subject.*

4 That the Delegates now in Convention do nominate a person for each Parish, to constitute a Committee, whose duty it shall be to endeavour to procure additional contributions for the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship," and that the President do appoint for such Parishes as are not represented in this Convention; and also, the Chairman of the said Committee, who is requested to procure returns from the members of the same as soon as possible, and pay over whatever sums he may receive to the Treasurer of the Society for the advancement of Christianity, to be invested for the benefit of the Scholarship.

After considerable discussion, as to the manner of voting, on taking the question on the first Resolution, as well as on the Resolution itself, it was moved to adjourn; and the Convention adjourned accordingly, until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock.

Friday, February 16th, 1827.

The Convention met according to adjournment Morning Service was performed by the Rev. Maurice H. Lance, Rector of Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

Dr. Edward Brailsford, from St. Michael's Parish, whose certificate of appointment was read last Wednesday, and Mr. Thomas Barksdale, from Christ Church Parish, whose certificate of appointment was read and approved, appeared and took their seats.

Leave having been given to the Committee on the Theological Seminary, to withdraw their report for the purpose of amending it; the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, soon after submitted the following as a substitute for the first Resolution:

* The balance of \$303 37, stated in the Report of the Committee, with the additional sum of \$20, subsequently received of Thomas S. Grimke, Esq. collected in St. Philip's Parish, making a total of \$323 37, and the certificates of Stock, &c were transferred to the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention.

That this Convention cordially approves of the measure recommended by the General Convention, for raising the building fund, with the view of rendering the revenue of the Seminary adequate to its expenditure ; and that in order to raise the quota of this Diocess, viz. \$1650, the Parishes be requested to collect, by subscription or otherwise, the following sums: viz.

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| St. Michael's, | \$330 | St. Mark's, Williamsburg, | 10 |
| St. Philip's, | 330 | St. Mark's, Clarendon, | 20 |
| St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, | 160 | Trinity Church, Columbia, | 30 |
| Grace Church, S. Island, | 30 | Christ Church, | 10 |
| St. John's, Berkley, | 55 | St. James', Santee, | 33 |
| St. John's, Colleton, | 55 | North Santee, | 33 |
| Edisto, | 55 | St. Thomas', | 30 |
| All-Saints, Waccamaw, | 55 | St. James', Goose-Creek, | 20 |
| Prince George, Winyaw, | 83 | St. David's, Cheraw, | 10 |
| St. Luke's, | 55 | St. Andrew's, | 10 |
| St. Paul's, Stono, | 20 | St. Bartholomew's, | 55 |
| St. Paul's, Pendleton, | 30 | Claremont, | 20 |
| St. Helena Island, | 30 | St. Matthew's, | 20 |
| Beaufort, | 55 | Greenville, | 10 |

And that the Standing Committee be instructed to carry the Resolution into effect.

The question being taken on this Resolution, it was unanimously agreed to.

The question was then taken on each of the other Resolutions, and they were, severally, unanimously agreed to.

It was then moved by Mr. Alexander, to add the following Resolution to the Report :—That the respective Ministers of the different Parishes be requested to recommend to their Congregations, the several objects of this Report. This motion being agreed to, the question was taken on the whole Report as amended, and unanimously carried.

Pursuant to the 4th Resolution, the Delegates were called upon to nominate to the President, one person from each Parish, to procure subscriptions to the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship ;" and the President was requested to make the appointment for such Parishes as are not represented in this Convention.

Whereupon, the following appointments were made :

St. Philip's Parish—Thomas S. Grimke.

St. Michael's Parish—Elias Horry.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—Edward H. Purcell

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw—Col. John Porter, Jun.

All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw—John H. Tucker.

St. John's Parish, Colleton—P. C. Grimbail.

St. Paul's Parish—Dr. Hugh Allison.

St. Luke's Parish—Joseph Longworth.

St. Helena Island—Dr. C. W. Capers.

Claremont—Dr. W. W. Anderson.

St. Stephen's Parish—Dr. Henry Ravenel.

St. Thomas' Parish and St. Denis—Dr. Benjamin Huger.

St. James' Parish, Santee—Charles C. Pinckney.
 North Santee, Winyaw—Dr. Alexander Hume.
 St. James' Parish, Goose-Creek—Barnard E. Bee.
 St. Paul's Church, Pendleton—Lewis Gibbs.
 St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—Edward Barnwell.
 St. John's Parish, Berkley—John Ball.
 Christ Church Parish—Col. Jacob Bond Pon.
 St. Bartholomew's Parish—Thomas Boone.
 Edisto Island—Benjamin Bailey.
 Trinity Church, Columbia—Dr. Edward Fisher.
 St. Matthew's Parish—Col. Edward Richardson.
 St. Mark's Parish, Clarendon—Charles Richardson.
 St. Mark's Parish, Williamsburgh—Mr. Frierson.
 Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—John Wilkes.
 St. Andrew's Parish—Arthur Middleton.
 St. David's Parish, Cheraw—Joseph Pritchard.
 Prince William's Parish—Robert Barnwell.

The President, on motion, appointed Mr. Thomas S. Grinké, Chairman of the Committee.

The Annual Report of the "*Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina*," was read; and is as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," submit their Report on the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds—

From the Statement of the Permanent Fund for the past year, at folio 13, of the Book containing the Society's Trust Accounts, it will be seen that the sum of \$200, which was held for this fund in the U. States' 6 per Cent. Stock of 1813, was paid off in August last, and became subject to reinvestment. It will also be seen, that in November last, Mr. Benjamin D. Roper, the Executor of Mrs. Catherine Rush, of this city, paid to the Treasurer \$100—the first instalment of a Legacy of \$500, bequeathed by that lady to this fund—the same, by the terms of the Will, being payable in five equal annual instalments.

The remaining credits are for interest and dividends, received during the year, amounting to \$481 75; three fourths of which (or \$361 32) have been transferred to the credit of the *Common Fund*, in pursuance of the Resolution of Convention of 20th February, 1818.

At the date of the last account, there was a balance of \$102 58½ against this fund. The investments for it since the last sitting of the Convention amount to \$348. These sums, with the proportion of income transferred to the *Common Fund*, compose the debtor side of the statement, and make a small balance of \$30 15½ against the fund.

The Capital of the *Permanent Fund*, estimated at its cost, now amounts to \$9316 30.

From the statements of the *Common Fund* at folio 46 and 47, it will appear that the sum of \$1326 72, reported to the Convention at its last sitting to be at the credit of this fund, has been appropriated in the manner

following, viz.—\$1200 paid to St. Michael's Church, for the salary of the assistant Minister for the year which ended 1st March, 1826; and \$126 72 on account of the debt due to that Church.

A statement of the debt to St. Michael's Church will be found at folio 37—the balance of principal remaining due, being \$993 93.

The receipts for the *Common Fund*, during the year ending in February, 1827, will be found at folio 47. They are the following, viz :

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| From St. John's Berkley, on account of previous years, | | | \$90 |
| “ St. Philip's, | for the year now ending, | | 250 |
| “ St. Michael's, | do. do. | | 350 |
| “ St. John's, Colleton, | do. do. | | 50 |
| “ Prince George, Winyaw, | do. do. | | 75 |
| “ St. Luke's, | do. do. | | 50 |
| “ St. Helena, Beaufort, on acc't | do. do. | | 28 |
| “ North Santee, | do. do. | | 30 |
| “ Christ Church, | do. do. | | 10 |
| “ St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough, | } do. do. | | 57 36 |
| being a collection made on | | | |
| 25th Feb'y 1827, on acc't | | | |
| of the past year, | | | |

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The above sums, together with the three fourths of income of the Permanent Fund, transferred as above stated to the credit of this account, make up the sum of \$1351 68, which forms the balance at the credit of the Common Fund, ready to be applied to the objects contemplated by the Convention.

Signed in behalf of the Board,

N. BOWEN, *President.*

(8th March, 1827.)

The Book containing the Accounts of the Treasurer of the Society, for the Trust Funds, was laid on the Secretary's Table, for the inspection of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, *Resolved*, that the thanks of the Convention be presented to the “Protestant Episcopal Society, for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina,” for their great attention to the several funds entrusted to their care.

Mr. Alexander called up the Resolution submitted by him yesterday, for calling upon “the Parishes and Churches which have not paid their contributions to the “Bishop's Common Fund,” &c. The Resolution being agreed to, Mr. Ravenel, the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, read, by request, the names of the Churches and Parishes which are in arrears to that Fund. [See Journal 1824, pp. 33–36.]

It was moved by Mr. John Gadsden, that the quota of St. Philip's Parish, towards the Bishop's Common Fund, be stated on the Treasurer's Books, \$250, instead of \$300. As it was always the understanding of

the Convention, that this sum was sufficient, and had been readily assented to by the Parish, the Treasurer was directed to make his entries accordingly.

On motion of Mr. J. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Protestant Episcopal Society, be authorized to incorporate into the report of the Board of Trustees, the names of such Parishes and Churches, as may pay their respective contributions to the Bishop's "Common Fund," before the publication of the Journal.

On motion of Mr. J. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the same Committee as last year, be appointed to write to the Parishes and Churches which have not contributed to the Bishop's "Common Fund," in conformity with the recommendation of the Convention. [See Journal 1824, pp. 33-36,] and request a written answer upon the subject. The Committee are, Messrs. Robert J. Turnbull, Thomas Lowndes, the Rev. P. T. Gervais, David Alexander, and Major Samuel Wragg; to which, Mr. John Gadsden, was added.

On motion of Mr. J. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that the Delegates of the several Parishes and Churches in arrears for the Bishop's "Common Fund," be requested to bring the subject to the view of their respective Vestries, as early as may be found possible.

It was moved by Mr. C. C. Pinckney, that the following Resolution be entered on the Journal, for the consideration of the next Convention :

Whereas, according to the Consecration Service of the Protestant Episcopal Church, "devout and holy men, as well under the law as under the Gospel, moved either by the express command of God, or by the secret inspiration of the blessed Spirit, and acting agreeably to their own reason and sense of the natural decency of things, have erected houses for the public worship of God; and separated them from all *unhallowed*, *worldly*, and *common* uses, in order to fill men's minds with greater reverence for his glorious Majesty, and affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in his service:" And whereas, the delivering of orations, and holding elections on secular or political subjects and occasions, and the usual worldly accompaniments and circumstances, are thought inconsistent with both the letter and spirit of this declaration of the Consecration Service, and have been found to give pain to many members of our Communion, and generally to be of injurious tendency :

Therefore, be it Resolved by this Convention, that it be recommended to the Vestries of all Churches in this Diocese, to discourage, and, if possible, interdict, the use of the Churches under their care, for all *unhallowed*, *worldly*, and *common* purposes.

The following Resolution was moved by the Rev. Mr. Mitchell; *Resolved*, that this Convention do request those Clergymen whose Parishes have not paid their contributions to the Bishop's Fund, to ascertain on their return to their Parishes, whether they are able or willing to contribute their respective proportions to the Bishop's Fund, and to transmit an answer as soon as practicable.

General Carr, moved to amend the Resolution, by striking out all which follows the word "Resolved," and inserting;—that the Clergy of the

several Parishes in this Diocess, be required to address their respective Congregations, as often as may be deemed necessary, upon the necessity and importance of raising the sums of money required to enable the Bishop of the Diocess to perform all the duties which appertain to his office; it is also Resolved, that upon the Vestry of any Church, notifying the Rector thereof, that his previous efforts, to obtain that end, have failed to do so, that the said Rector, persevere in his addresses to his Congregation, until the important object contemplated be realized.

After some discussion, it was moved by the Rev. Mr. Gibbes, to postpone indefinitely, both the Resolution and the Amendment; which was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. J. Gadsden, *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to address a circular letter to the Country Churches, (except Prince George, Winyaw, and St. Luke's, which have already done what is now proposed) informing them of the recommendation of this Body in 1818, to the said Churches, to place their funds under the care and management of the "Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina," and of the arrangements made by that Society for meeting the object of the recommendation: And that the Committee be requested, in their communication to set forth the advantages which would result to the Churches from adopting the measure suggested. [See Journal 1818, in His. of the Church of So. Ca. p. 571.]

Whereupon, the President, on motion, appointed the following Gentlemen the Committee: Mr. John Gadsden, Mr. Bacot, and Major Wragg.

The following was submitted by Mr. John Gadsden: The following alteration of the 9th Article of the Constitution, is proposed and submitted according to the 16th Article, to be determined on by the next annual Convention, viz: to insert after the words "shall deliberate and vote," and before the words, "one body," the word "*individually*," and after the words "one body," and between them and the words "but any two Clergymen, or" &c. the words, "unless the Clerical and Lay representatives of any one Church, shall require the vote to be taken by Churches, when the representatives Clerical and Lay of each Church shall vote conjointly, each Church having one vote."

The Treasurer was ordered to pay Mr. Richard Smith, the Sexton of St. Michael's Church, three dollars *per diem*, during the present session, for his attendance upon the Convention.

Ordered, that 350 copies of the Journal be printed.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Tschudy, the thanks of the Convention were presented to the President and Secretary for their respective services.

No further business being before the Convention, it was moved to adjourn; when, after Prayers by the Bishop, and the blessing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,
President.

FREDERICK DALCHO,
Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER,

*Adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the
Diocese of South-Carolina.*

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church.
2. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
5. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present.
8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by a Minister or Delegate of one Church, and seconded by a Minister or Delegate of another.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the Convention is to adjourn, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.
13. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE DIOCESS OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, that the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocess, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon, by the preceding Convention ; but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, of any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed ; which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches throughout the Diocess, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : The Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper ; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches ; but the right to vote on

matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate, or Lay-Delegates.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries, and Clergymen engaged in Colleges, &c.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College, or incorporated Academy, in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

A Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen, (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the State Convention, and who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever he, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the Members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote) and a majority of both orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church ; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention ; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine ; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgement, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interests, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees of Correspondence.

The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee, of the situation of their respective Churches ; and generally, such other things, as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the Diocess.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocess, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocess,

which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favourable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XIII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General, or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIV

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese should not be unrepresented in General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is, or are, a member, or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese; or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

“The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America,” shall be used in the Churches of this Diocese.

ARTICLE XVI.

How the Constitution shall be Altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and be concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.

CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial charge in this Diocese, or his assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach, in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office; and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection, annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed* 1822. *Amended* 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st January preceding; specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held, the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same, the number Catechised by him, and on how many Sundays: whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children, and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the 45th General Canon—*Passed* 1825.

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